

CHAPTER 21
ADDENDUM B

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE TRANSACTION AND CODE SETS FINAL RULE

1. MAINTENANCE AND MODIFICATION OF STANDARDS

The preamble to the Final Rule describes how the standards are maintained and how modifications or new standards are adopted. The following are quotations from the Final Rule.

- a. “The Secretary [HHS] may adopt a standard developed, adopted, or modified by a standard setting organization (that is, an organization accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)) that has consulted with the National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC), the National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC), the Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI), and the American Dental Association (ADA).”
- b. “The Secretary [HHS] may also adopt a standard other than one established by a standard setting organization, if the different standard will reduce costs for health care providers and health plans, the different standard is promulgated through negotiated rulemaking procedures, and the Secretary consults with each of the above-named groups.”
- c. “If no standard has been adopted by any standard setting organization, the Secretary [HHS] is to rely on the recommendations of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) and consult with the above-named groups before adopting a standard.”
- d. “In complying with the requirements of part C of title XI, the Secretary [HHS] must rely on the recommendations of the NCVHS, consult with the appropriate State and Federal agencies and private organizations, and publish the recommendations of the NCVHS regarding the adoption of a standard under this part in the Federal Register.”

2. Designated Standards Maintenance Organization

An organization that agrees to maintain standards adopted under the regulation and agrees to receive and process requests for adopting a new standard or modifying an adopted standard may be designated by the Secretary, HHS as a “Designated Standards Maintenance Organization” (DSMO). The Secretary, HHS designates a DSMO by notice in the Federal Register.

- a. For the Transactions and Code Sets Regulation, the Secretary, HHS, has named the following organizations as DSMOs:

- 1. ANSI Accredited Standards Committee X12 (ANSI ASC X12)

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2. Dental Content Committee of the American Dental Association (ADA)
3. Health Level Seven (HL7)
4. National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP)
5. National Uniformed Billing Committee (NUBC)
6. National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC)